

Dumont Shade Tree Commission



Meeting Minutes

Date: June 20, 2011

Time: Meeting Started at 7:40 PM and ended at 8:50 PM

Attendees: Tara Barker, Tom Fisichella, Sara Reiss, Rafael Riquelme, Sally Tayeb, Larry Tobias

Meeting Summary: Discussion/Topics

DSTC Commissioner Titles:

- Sally Tayeb nominated Rafael Riquelme as Treasurer and Grants, Sara Reiss second the motion and a vote of yes for appointment was unanimous.
- Tom Fisichella nominated Larry Tobias as DSTC Digital Historian, Sara Reiss second the motion and a vote of yes for appointment was unanimous.
- After much discussion, the Commission voted unanimous for the creation and induction of "Friends of the Shade Tree." For those residents interested in supporting the mission of the Dumont Shade Tree Commission, they will be recognized as "Friends of the Shade Tree."

Tree Maintenance

- PSE&G returning to Dumont for pruning in September or October of 2011.
- Tom Fisichella is "preaddressing" issues which DSTC or Dumont DPW have noticed concerning the state of town trees. It has been noted to the Commission that Dumont trees have had less storm damage these past months as compared to other towns. Credit is given to the DPW for their proactive pruning and trimming.

Grant Status

- 2009 CSIP Grant- Commission voted unanimously to funds to be used for arboretum signage, information kiosk, soil testing & augmentation.
- 2010 Challenge Grant - \$3000 – Management Plan completed.
- Rafael Riquelme investigating grant money for arboretum walkway.

Action Items:

- Management Plan to be presented to town council.
- Further discussion of sending letters to homeowners affected by tree removals due to Dumont Flood Control project. Opportunities for adopt-a-tree.